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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUGMENTATION OF ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY

- [X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
07/889,215 filed 5/27/92; 09/325,761 filed 1/26/95  
the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

- [X] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a continuation of and claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/325,761, filed January 26, 1995, which is a divisional of Application No. 07/889,215, filed May 27, 1992, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- [X] 33 page(s) of specification
- [X] 8 page(s) of claims
- [X] 1 page of Abstract
- [X] 8 sheet(s) of formal drawing(s).
- [X] The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines Corporation.
- [X] A copy of the signed Declaration & Power of Attorney from the prior application.

In view of the Unsigned Declaration as filed with this application and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f), Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.

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